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PARTIES AGREE AT MEETING FOR ROUTE 40 & 45 INTERSECTION

(PILESGROVE TWP., NJ)--Freeholder Bruce Bobbitt, Chair of the County Public Works Committee, today released the following statement concerning an agreement between New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), Wawa, Pilesgrove Township, and the County of Salem concerning the Route 40 and Route 45 intersection in Pilesgrove Township:

"The intersection has always been problematic for motorists. When approval was given to allow that area to be developed, it was the expectation of Pilesgrove and County officials that the developer, Wawa, and NJDOT would engage in traffic flow improvements to ensure that the intersection is both safe and efficient. For over ten years this has been an ongoing issue that has been a concern to both the township and County since no substantive work has taken place to improve this busy intersection. This has been a source of frustration to motorists and government officials.

"A meeting was held on October 4th to discuss this situation with all parties. While the developer was not present, the township, NJDOT, County, and Wawa were present and had an honest and productive conversation. The outcome of the meeting was that the parties present would move forward with their part of the improvements needed so that some relief could be offered. I want to thank Wawa for their willingness to move forward, as well as NJDOT for the cooperation in the matter. Additionally, the success of the meeting was a direct result of the positive cooperation between Pilesgrove Township and the County and I want to thank the township for their commitment to this project."